

GODMANCHESTER

Urban District Council.

REPORT

UPON THE SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

Borough of Godmanchester

FOR THE YEAR 1915,

BY

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TO THE
GODMANCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to hand in my Report as to the health of your Borough during the year 1915.

Births and Deaths.

During the year the Births of 44 children have been registered, 20 males and 24 females, added to them 1 female transfer making the total 45, an average of 22·8 per 1000 persons living.

The deaths of 26 persons residing in the Borough and of 5 persons belonging to the district in the County Hospital and 6 in the Union Workhouse were registered, making a total of 37, an average of 18·8 per 1000 living.

Milk and Food Supply.

Eight samples of Milk were sent for analysis during the year, all were reported to be pure.

No other sample of food was sent.

Infectious and other Diseases.

Diphtheria.

Four cases of Diphtheria were notified. One of them an imported case. The three other cases occurred in a Lodging-house on licensed premises. All these cases recovered. The sanitary conditions were bad and were remedied.

Scarlet Fever.

Four cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, one of these cases occurred on licensed premises, the case was isolated.

The occurrence of these cases makes me feel the need of a proper Isolation Hospital and I hope your Authority will try and make some arrangement with the Huntingdon Urban Council for the accommodation of such cases.

Pulmonary and other forms of Tuberculosis.

Five cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified and one of other form of Tuberculosis. None of these cases received Sanatorium treatment.

Measles.

An outbreak of Measles occurred in April and May, the Schools were closed from April 15th to May 17th. The cases were generally of a mild type and no deaths occurred.

Military.

Troops have been billeted in the Borough in the early and late periods of the year. In May complaints were made as to the Water supply and the general Sanitary arrangements, these were remedied and the water was laid on to Veasey's Mill from Huntingdon. The health of the troops throughout the whole time was good.

I append Table 1, Vital Statistics. 2, Table of Infectious Diseases. 3, causes of death at all ages, and 4, of Infantile Mortality, also the Sanitary Inspector's Report.

I have the honour to remain, Gentlemen,

Your faithful Servant,

HERBERT LUCAS,

*Medical Officer of Health,
Godmanchester Urban District Council.*

HUNTINGDON,

May 19th, 1916.

TABLE 1.—GODMANCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT.

YEAR. 1.	Population estimated to middle of each year. 2.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Un- corrected Number, 3.	Nett.		Number. 6.	Rate.* 7.	Of Non- Residents registered in the District. 8.	Of Resi- dents not registered in the District. 9.	Under 1 year of age.		At all Ages.	
			Number. 4.	Rate.* 5.					Number. 10.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births. 11.	Number. 12.	Rate.* 13.
1910	2017		49	24.2	24	11.0		5	5	89.2	29	14.3
1911	2135	50	50	23.4	25	11.7	3	4	3	60.0	26	12.1
1912	2135	44	46	21.5	15	7.4	0	2	3	65.2	17	7.9
1913	2135	42	42	19.6	28	13.1	1	5	3	70.1	32	14.9
1914	2135	41	42	19.6	22	10.3	0	1	4	95.2	27	12.2
1915	1960	44	45	22.8	26	13.1	0	11	3	67.2	37	18.8

* Rates calculated per 1000 estimated Population.

Area of District in Acres (exclusive of area covered by water)	4659	Estimated Civilian Population ...		1960
		Number of Inhabited houses ...		533
		Average number of persons per house		3.6

TABLE II.—Godmanchester Urban District
Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1915

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.	CASES NOTIFIED IN DISTRICT.							
	AT Ages †—Years.							Total Cases remov- ed to Hos- pital
	At all Ages	1 and under 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 45.	45 to 65.	65 and up- wards	
Diphtheria ...	4		3		1			
Scarlet Fever ...	4	1	3					
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	5			1	3	1		
Other form of Tuberculosis	1				1			
TOTAL ...	14	1	6	1	5	1		

Isolation Hospital or Hospitals—None.

Sanatoria &c.—None.

TABLE III.—**Godmanchester Urban District.***Causes of, and ages at, Deaths during the year, 1915.*

CAUSE OF DEATHS 1	Deaths at the subjoined ages of " residents " whether occurring in or beyond the district.								
	All Ages	Under 1 Year	1 and under 1	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and up- wards
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
All causes:—	37								
Certified... ..									
Uncertified ...									
Influenza	2							1	1
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ...	4						3	1	
Other Tuberculous Diseases	1						1		
Cancer, malignant disease	5						1		4
Rheumatic Fever ...	1							1	
Organic Heart Disease	6							2	4
Pneumonia	2							2	
Bronchitis	5	2							3
Congenital Debility ...	1	1							
Other Defined Diseases	10		1					3	6
TOTALS ..	37	3	1				5	10	18

Ten Years Fatal Cases of:

Year.	Cancer.	Phthisis and Tubercular Disease
1906	2	4
1907	3	2
1908	0	0
1909	3	2
1910	2	1
1911	1	2
1912	0	0
1913	2	5
1914	5	3
1915	5	5
	23	24

GODMANCHESTER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sanitary Inspectors Report

No. of Inspections made...	...	...	...	100
Notices served ...	..	...	...	30
Informal 35. Statutory 0.				
Privy, Urinal, Cesspool, Ashpit—Inspected...			...	60
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	50
No. Licensed Lodging Houses	...	...	...	1
Inspections	...	...	...	4
Slaughterhouses not licensed	...	...	...	1
Inspections	...	..	...	4
Houses affected with Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	5
Ditto disinfected	...	...	...	5
New provided Ash Bins	...	...	...	22
New Earth Closets provided	...	...	...	3

C. MAYFIELD,

Sanitary Inspector.

